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1. ITALY: Official reaction to proposed US military exercises in Italy--
US Ambassador Dunn reports that in accordance with a request from Admiral Conolly he sought the reaction of Prime Minister De Gasperi concerning the proposed large-scale exercises of US carrier planes over Italy, including their landing at Italian airports. De Gasperi reportedly replied that this matter is "very delicate" and that he would like time to think it over.

The Secretary General of the Italian Foreign Office has pointed out to Dunn that recently published stories of US Marine movements to the Mediterranean, linking the Greek and Italian situations together, have given the Communists excellent material for their propaganda that the US has designs on Italian sovereignty.

2. GREECE: US considers revision of UNSCOB powers unnecessary--
The Department of State has informed Ambassador Kirk (US delegate to UNSCOB) that it does not consider the redrafting of UNSCOB's terms of reference necessary for effective operations (see Daily Summary of 5 January, item 4). The Department points out that: (a) the refusal of Albania, Yugoslavia, and Bulgaria to cooperate with UNSCOB has long been foreseen; (b) UNSCOB, even though operating only within Greece, can obtain a graphic picture of guerrilla operations; and (c) authentic UN reporting of current developments in northern Greece is important in order to educate world opinion and to lay the foundation for whatever subsequent action may be necessary to maintain the territorial integrity of Greece.

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3. PALESTINE: Arabs plan political administration for country--US
Ambassador Tuck reports from Cairo that the Arab Higher Committee for Palestine stated in a communique following a recent meeting that the Committee has approved a detailed political system for all of Palestine "aimed at satisfying the public wish for real representation."

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4. **KOREA:** US to press for immediate elections in South Korea--US Political Adviser Jacobs has advised General Hodge that it is "highly desirable" that the UN Commission be urged to proceed immediately with the observation of an election in South Korea if the Commission is refused admission to the Soviet Zone.

5. **INDONESIA:** Crisis in GOC negotiations--The US delegation to the UN Good Offices Committee is concerned over the crisis in GOC negotiations brought on by the truce plan recently announced by the Netherlands Government. The US delegation feels that the Dutch proposals are so generalized as to destroy the Republic's hope of achieving anything like the status envisaged in the Linggadjati Agreement and believes that the Republic's desire to cooperate in the implementation of a cease-fire agreement may be weakened thereby. The US delegation feels that unless Dutch conditions are modified, the Republic is likely to collapse either under Dutch military action or through internal difficulties, with serious consequences to the GOC and to the US which holds the key position in the GOC.